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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS INTERVIEW WITH CAMBODIAN REFUGEE,
SOURCE M. END SUMMARY.

2. SOURCE M, 33, FROM ODDAR MEANCHEY PROVINCE, WAS A SOLDIER
IN THE GKR ARMY FOR FIVE YEARS, BECOMING A SERGEANT. IN
APRIL, 1975, HE WAS TOLD TO BECOME A FARMER. HE FLED TO
THAILAND IN MARCH 18, 1978. HIS ACCOUNT FOLLOWS:

3. QTE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA. FOR
800 PERSONS IN OUR VILLAGE, WE RECEIVED 18 TINS (4.5 KILOS)
OF RICE PER DAY. THIS WAS EXTREMELY INADEQUATE. WE HAD ONLY
TRADITIONAL MEDICINES WHICH WERE WORTHLESS.

4. QTE ALTHOUGH WE LIVED 65 KILOMETERS FROM THE THAI BORDER,
THE BORDER PATROL WAS HEADQUARTERED IN OUR VILLAGE. ONLY
A FEW REMAINED IN THE VILLAGE WHILE MOST PATROLLED THE
BORDER. THE SOLDIERS WERE VERY MENACING TO THE PEOPLE,
EVEN THOUGH THE PEOPLE WORKED VERY HARD FOR THEM. YOU
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WERE KILLED FOR THE LEAST FAULT. I NEVER ACTUALLY SAW
ANYONE KILLED, BUT HEARD ABOUT IT. THE FIRST TIME YOU
WERE GIVEN A WARNING, THE SECOND TIME YOU WERE KILLED,
FOR SMALL FAULTS.

4. QTE EXECUTIONS. THREE DAYS BEFORE I FLED TO THAILAND,
NEAR MY OWN HOME, 25 FAMILIES WITH 60-70 PEOPLE, WERE LED

AWAY AND KILLED. ALL HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE FORMER GOVERNMENT.

5. QTE IN 1975-77, FORMER SOLDIERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN MY VILLAGE WERE TOLD NOT TO WORRY, JUST TO WORK. BUT STARTING IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1977, THE KHMER ROUGE PRODUCED LISTS AND BEGAN ELIMINATING THE FORMER SOLDIERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

6. QTE EIGHTEEN FAMILIES OF 40 PERSONS, FROM THE NEXT COLLECTIVE, WERE ON MARCH 14, 1978, TAKEN AWAY AND KILLED. I HEARD THAT THE SAME THING WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN MY OWN COLLECTIVE. I FLED TO THAILAND.

7. QTE FORMER STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR EXECUTION IN MY VILLAGE.

8. QTE HUMAN, CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS HUMAN RIGHTS OR A SYSTEM OF JUSTICE IN MY VILLAGE. THERE WERE ONLY TWO RIGHTS IN MY VILLAGE--THE RIGHT TO WORK AND THE RIGHT TO BE ASSASSINATED. END QTE
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